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PVTA Votes 'No Go' On Route 57 Extension

For the second time in two months the Pioneer Valley Transit Authority have voted against the construction of the \$14.5 million Route 57 Extension project.

Same Old Story

In view of Agawam State Representative Edward Connelly, Town Manager Peter Caputo and Councilor Kenneth Barnes, who also serves as Chairman of the Council's Route 57 subcommittee, the communities of Springfield, Chicopee, Amherst, Holyoke and Westfield re-affirmed the PVTA's March 14 balloting which asked the Federal Highway Administration to implement a full environmental impact study before any further steps were taken to begin the road's construction.

The communities of Agawam, Belchertown, East Longmeadow, Northampton, and Williamsburg voted for the continuance of the project. But because the five communities who voted against the project have heavier PVTA bus services than the rural towns, their tally has added proportional significance. Nine communities were absent from the vote.

Because of the PVTA's vote at the Agawam Town Hall on May 9th, a deadlock continues in the four-agency Metropolitan Planning Organization. The other agencies in the MPO include the Lower Pioneer Valley Regional Planning Commission, who have also formally downed the extensions completion, the Federal Highway Administration, and the State Department of Public Works. Both the state and federal agencies have supported the 57 extension, and continue to do so.

Hands Tied;

With the 2-2 deadlock, the hands of FHA official Norman VanNess have been tied due to federal regulations which govern the MPO, according to VanNess, he has the authority to approve preliminary engineering and design work on the project since it had previously been approved by all MPO

members.

"Even if I rule that the design work can continue my hands are tied when it comes to approving the actual construction end of the project," VanNess told board members. "I really would like to see this thing settled on a local level," he added.

The 2-2 stalemate is a first for the MPO. VanNess said that the only way the extension of the highway could be completed was if the federal government decided to change the structure of the MPO.

Following the meeting, Connelly stated that he plans to approach the 41 member LPVRC sometime in June in an attempt to obtain a favorable vote from that body which has previously cited environmental considerations for their negative stance.

Small Turnout

"But this time," Connelly said, "I want to see all 41 members of that body there and just not enough people to meet a quorum," he added in reference to the LPVRC's small turnout when they initially voted to nix the project.

VanNess said his office has continually addressed the environmental aspects of the extension "which is normal procedure," he said. Opposition to 57 has come from both the Forest Park Civic Association, and the East Forest Park Civic Association, which are Springfield based neighborhood groups. The Springfield City Council has also objected to the extension because of the alleged traffic impact it would have on the South End Bridge. The two Sumner Avenue groups feel that their area would be besieged by burdensome traffic caused by the extension.

Natural Growth

But VanNess said that his engineering corps have found that the region's natural growth of traffic will cause additional problems for the South End Bridge with or without the extension's completion.

VanNess further pointed out that the present location of the 57 extension is the best

alternative out of four locations that were looked into.

"This location revealed to us that there would be less of an environmental impact on the region in this present location. And," he continued, "from our standpoint, all aspects of possible impacts to the environment have been closely examined to our satisfaction."

Town Needs Extension

In his presentation to the board, Connelly reiterated many of the same reasons he has cited before as to why Agawam needs the extension. He labeled safety as the number one factor involved, adding, "this town has followed all the criteria presented by both the state and federal governments and we had received virtual unanimous approval on it from the regional agencies who have now turned against it."

Connelly, who has acted as a liaison official between the town and the state and federal agencies since 1973, showed it was fairly obvious that the majority of the 10 PVTA members present possessed little knowledge of the extension and its history. Connelly also added that the Mayor of Springfield (Dimauro) has acknowledged that the "theoretical" South End Bridge problem will be virtually uncontrollable by 1990.

Firm Contention

When board member Mark Webb, who also serves as the Chairman of the LPVRC, continued on page 14

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Council Defeats Music Shell

By a 12-3 margin the Town Council has again defeated the proposed construction of a \$60,000 outdoor cultural arts shell to be located behind the new Cooper Street library.

The vote came after Councilor Paul Fieldstad, who also serves as Chairman of the Library Building Committee, forwarded a motion for the council to reconsider its November rejection of the shell's construction. Fieldstad told his colleagues that "the shell would be a one shot deal and an excellent facility for the entire community to enjoy."

The debate took a sharp turn against the Fieldstad motion when it was disclosed by Town Manager Peter Caputo and Department of Public Works Director Jack Stone that the excess of funds from the library's construction could be utilized for other community projects, "providing that it creates jobs with a 10% minority participation."

Caputo told Council members at the May 7th meeting that he, along with Stone had been told by U.S. Economic Development Agency officials earlier in the day, that the leftover funds need not be returned to the federal government on a 3 to 1 ratio. Caputo also said that if the Music Shell is not constructed, the town may use the money for DPW projects with prior approval from the EDA.

"As long as we submit plans and specifications that meet EDA approval, and that we also have the proper affirmative action partici-

pation (10% of all workers hired), we can put the money to use in other areas," Caputo said.

"The EDA officials said that the guidelines which govern an under-run of money are general in nature and we can put it to other things if we so desire," Stone related.

Fieldstad said that during the entire construction of the library, he and his committee, which includes School Committee Chairman Richard Borgatti, and George Bickford, were led to believe by EDA officials John Kuzma and John Corrigan that all leftover money would have to be returned to the federal agency on a 3-1 ratio.

"Now we learn we can use the money for other things and this is a change from their original stance," Fieldstad commented in reference to the phone conversations of Caputo and Stone with the EDA that afternoon.

Prior to the first vote taken by the Council on November 20, approximately \$8,100 in engineering and preliminary construction funds were spent on the Music Shell. The Building Committee had received approval from both Caputo and the EDA to construct the "extension of the cultural aspect of the library." But when Caputo submitted the construction proposal to the Council, the elected officials negated further construction by a 14-1 margin.

Francis Colli, the Council's vice-president, said that he was in favor of the shell's construction until it was learned the town could use the funds for other purposes.

"I don't think we should pass anything until we find out exactly where we can put the money and how it can best be used for the betterment of the town," Colli remarked.

Stone's statements concerning the purchasing of materials seemed to confuse a number of Councilors - since Caputo pointed out, "the entire reason for the federal government giving out these funds is to create jobs, especially minority jobs and I'm really not sure how the town purchasing materials would fit into this." "But," Caputo added, "the EDA has told us things before and then would reverse their stance the next day."

Said Councilor William Herd, who also voted against the proposal, "I think the Building Committee should come up with some other alternatives to use the money for, and the Town Council should help in that process. I really cannot believe," Herd continued, "that the music shell was the Building Committee's first choice for that money."

Precinct 3 Councilors Kenneth Barnes and John Bartnik also voiced their disapproval of the music shell which would have been constructed within their constituency. Barnes said the Town could find better use for the leftover funds while Bartnik said, "I was against the shell from the beginning. Originally, I just wanted to return the funds and receive our portion of it back. But now I feel we can put into other areas that will better benefit the community."

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James Lowell Wins!



James Lowell, winner of the first pair of Red Sox tickets to be given away by the Advertiser/News, is presented his prize by Joanne Brown of our staff.

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PROGRAM SCHEDULE

Wednesday May 16

6:00 LEGENDS
Humphrey Bogart. His memorable performances—on and off screen.
6:30 THE OUTLAW JOSEY WALES
Directed by and starring Clint Eastwood (PG-2:16)
9:00 THE OTHER SIDE OF MIDNIGHT
Romantic score by Michel Legrand (R-2:49)
12:00 FREDDIE PRINZE AND FRIENDS
Featuring Jay Leno (*American Hot Wax*) (1:08)

Thursday May 17

6:00 UP CLOSE
Clint Eastwood.
7:00 THE OLYMPIAD
The Decathlon. Includes clips of champions Jim Thorpe, Bob Mathias, Bill Toomey
8:00 PSYCHIC FOLLIES
SRO. Is seeing believing?
9:00 SPEEDTRAP
Tyne Daly (PG-1:38)
11:00 MARTIN MULL
Fresh talk. Great comedy.
12:00 GO TELL THE SPARTANS
Drama of early Vietnam war (R-1:54)

Friday May 18

5:00 WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP GYMNASTICS
Thirty-five young Olympic hopefuls in four-event competition (tape)
6:00 STINGRAY
The best in Hollywood stunt driving (PG-1:39)
8:00 GOLDEN RENDEZVOUS
Dorothy Malone, John Carra-dine (1:43)

10:00 THE OUTLAW JOSEY WALES
Sondra Locke as a young pioneer woman (PG-2:16)
12:30 EYES OF LAURA MARS
Nail-biting terror! (R-1:43)

Saturday May 19

3:00 CONVOY
Tough truckers (PG-1:50)
5:00 THE LOVE BUG
Buddy Hackett (G-1:47)
7:00 WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP GYMNASTICS
Olympic contenders (tape)
8:00 THE OSMONDS
The entire family
9:00 LEGENDS
The one and only Bogart.
9:30 A STAR IS BORN
Award-winning song "Ever-green" (R-2:20)
12:00 GARLE AND LOMBARD
A true love story (R-2:11)

Sunday May 20

3:30 RACE FOR YOUR LIFE, CHARLIE BROWN!
The delightful comic gang's all here! (G-1:15)
5:00 SUMMERDOG
Hobo, a dog that dances and climbs trees! (G-1:30)
6:30 RACE FOR YOUR LIFE, CHARLIE BROWN!
A wild river-raft race: the gang wins (G-1:15)
8:00 THE GREEK TYCOON
Jacqueline Bisset and Anthony Quinn (R-1:46) p.
10:00 THE OTHER SIDE OF MIDNIGHT
Raf Vallone (R-2:49)

Monday May 21

6:00 SPEEDTRAP
Joe Don Baker as a private investigator (PG-1:38)
8:00 JONATHAN WINTERS' SALUTE TO BASEBALL
Whole new ball game.
8:30 THE TURNING POINT
Nominated for 11 Academy Awards (PG-1:59)
10:30 UP CLOSE
David Sheehan hosts.
11:30 THE OLYMPIAD
Repeat of Thursday show.

12:30 STINGRAY
Sondra Theodore, *Playboy* centerfold (PG-1:39)

Tuesday May 22

5:00 CONVOY
Ali MacGraw (PG-1:50)
7:00 PSYCHIC FOLLIES
SRO. Thrilling performances by hypnotists, mentalists, and other psychic entertainers.
8:00 GOLDEN RENDEZVOUS
Ship at sea in a daring race against time (1:43)
10:00 WRESTLING: USA vs. USSR
Dual meet at Kings College, Wilkes Barre, Pa. (tape)
11:00 CONVOY
Burt Young (PG-1:50)



Youth Center Schedule

Wed., May 16: 3-4:30 p.m. - Group Rap Session open to all from 12-18 years. AYC - Dropoffs
Thurs., May 17: 3-4 p.m. - Start pickup for 4-5 p.m. Senior Packing Prep. for backpacking overnight
Fri., May 18: 1:45 p.m. - Pickups start for Appalachian Trail backpacking weekend. \$1. rain or shine
Sun., May 20: 4:30 p.m. - Return from trip
Wed., May 23: 3-4 p.m. - Sr. Group Rap Session open to all from 12-18 years. AYC
Sat., May 26: 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. - Srs. vs. Staff Softball, picnic - all members and families welcome
Sun., May 27: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. - Jr. Hike Day, Mt. Greylock \$1.00
Tues., May 29: 1:45 to 5 - Recycling Paper Pickup
7-8 p.m. - Jr. prep. overnight; parents required
Wed., May 30: 1:45 to 4 - Recycling Paper Drop
3-4:30 - Group Rap Session
Sat., June 2: 8 a.m. - Jr. overnight camping & caving in New York; rain or shine: \$1.50
Sun., June 3: 4 p.m. - Return from New York trip
Wed., June 6: 6 p.m. - Pickups for 7-8:30 Sr. Activity Mtg.
Thurs., June 7: 6 p.m. - Pickups for 7-8 Jr. Activity Mtg.

Mailbox Improvement Week

The week of May 21 to 26 has been designated as Mailbox Improvement Week, according to Postmaster Robert DeForge. The Agawam Postmaster said the Post Office Department's purpose is to call attention to the need for providing mail receptacles which are designed to protect the mail from the weather and which are neat in appearance, conveniently located, and safe to use. Where the use of street names and house numbers has been authorized, the house

number and patron's name should be shown. The boxes should be installed with the bottom of the box between 3½ and 4 feet from the roadway. Mailboxes and their supports should be kept painted and free of rust at all times. Patrons' support of the Post Office Department's Mailbox Improvement Week has been very commendable, and the department appreciates the efforts of those who have taken the time to maintain their mailboxes in a neat and orderly manner.

Special Clinics To Be Held

National Nursing Home Week is being celebrated this week at Heritage Hall Nursing and Retirement Homes following the theme of "Love Is Ageless." The administration at Heritage Hall would like to

remind all Agawam residents of the two special clinics to be held on Thursday, May 17, from 2 to 4 p.m. in West Building.

A Blood Pressure Clinic will be conducted by the Agawam Health Department free of charge. During the same hours, a Diabetic Information and Testing Clinic will also be held.

All town residents are urged to take advantage of these clinics.

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Agawam School Menu

Monday, May 21: Grilled cheese sandwich, pickle chips, buttered niblet corn, applesauce, milk
Jr. & Sr. High: Sliced turkey sandwich in water roll, tossed salad w/dressing, potato puffs, chilled peaches, milk
Tuesday, May 22: Chilled lemonade, shepherd's pie w/mixed vegetables and gravy, whole wheat bread & butter, chocolate pudding w/topping, milk
Wednesday, May 23: Steamed frankfurt in roll, oven baked beans, buttered mixed vegetables, orange blossom cake w/orange icing, milk
Thursday, May 24: Oven roasted chicken, mashed potatoes, buttered carrots and peas, white bread & butter, ice cream.
Friday, May 25: ½ tuna salad sandwich, ½ peanut butter sandwich, oven French fries, buttered corn, peanut butter cookies, milk

Southwick School Menu

Wednesday, May 16: Turkey w brown gravy, whipped potatoes, buttered green beans, bread & butter, cranberry sauce, cookies, milk
Thursday, May 17: Beef and cheese pizza on English muffin, buttered peas, chilled peaches, milk
Friday, May 18: Tomato rice soup, saltines, cheese sandwich w lettuce and tomato, pineapple upside down cake w topping, milk
Monday, May 21: Oven baked frankfurter on roll, au gratin potatoes, chef's salad w/dressing, oatmeal cookies, milk
Tuesday, May 22: Cold cut grinder w/ lettuce, French fries, chilled applesauce, milk
Wednesday, May 23: Barbequed chicken, baked potatoes, buttered green beans, bread & butter, jello w/topping, milk
Thursday, May 24: Beef and cheese pizza on English muffin, buttered corn, garden green salad, dessert, milk
Friday, May 25: Tuna fish salad on roll w/ lettuce, potato chips, buttered peas, chilled peaches, milk

Agawam Senior Center Wright Street

Senior Center Menu

5/15: Lamb patties, potato puffs, carrots, cookies
5/16: Meatloaf, mashed potatoes, beet salad, apple
5/17: Chicken croquettes, mixed vegetables, cake
5/18: Tuna loaf, rice, 3-bean salad, ice cream

5/21: Barbequed chicken, shredded potatoes, peas, peaches
5/22: Barbequed beef ribs, mashed potatoes, winter squash, cookies
5/23: Baked beans, wieners, cole slaw, pie
5/24: Beef chow mein, rice, noodles, jello
5/25: Fish, creamed potatoes, spinach, fruit cocktail

Interested in seeing the New York City Ballet without going to the Big Apple? Join our trip to Saratoga, July 19th, and enjoy sightseeing, a museum, a delicious lunch, and then in the afternoon, the ballet. There will be only one bus and tickets are going fast. Price: \$16.35.

we will join the "Senior Day" at the Holiday Inn. Besides lunch, there will be entertainment and a chance to go swimming in their lovely pool. Price: \$6.50.

Smoking Workshop

The second workshop for smokers who would like to join a group like themselves trying to stop smoking will start on May 17 at 10:30 a.m. at SPAN Center. If you are interested, or want more information, please call Ruth Roberts at SPAN 786-6410 or Maggie Hill at 786-3955.

Water Shut-Off Announced

The Agawam Dept. of Public Works wishes to announce that the water will be shut off in the Main Street area of Agawam at 8:00 P.M. Wednesday evening, May 16th. This shutdown is necessary to repair a broken valve on Central Street to restore adequate water supply and fire protection to that street. The water will be back on by the next morning.

Water will be shut off on the following streets: Main Street (between Elm and Trinity Terrace), Elbert road, Central Street, Wright Street, Emerson Road, Haskell Street, Meadow Brook Manor, Colonial Haven Drive, Bailey Street, Melrose Place, Charles Street, Alfred Street, Alfred Circle, and Alfred Court.

In the event of severe weather, the shutdown will be postponed one day at the same time.

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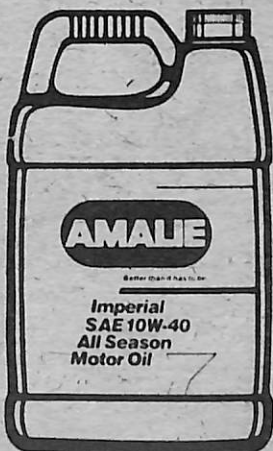
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Connelly Asked For Help On Ethics Committee Funding

Ten months ago, in the wake of a series of political scandals, Representative Edward W. Connelly of Agawam voted to establish a state Ethics Commission. The law provides that this commission shall issue advisory opinions on possible conflicts of interest, administer the financial disclosures of top officials and investigate and hold hearings on complaints of political corruption.

The Ethics Law resulted from an initiative petition by Common Cause/Massachusetts in the course of which 95,000 signatures or registered voters were collected.

During the gubernatorial race last fall, Governor Edward King said he favored full funding of the Ethics Commission.

The Governor has now recommended a 38% cut in the Ethics Commission budget and elimination of all staff positions for enforce-

ment and investigation. The amount in question is just \$180,000 out of the total state budget of \$5.5 billion. King's stand fuels the suspicion that his actions are not related to overall budget considerations but are a blatant attack on the independent investigatory powers that the legislature gave to the Commission last year.

"Since he voted to create the Commission last year, we look to Rep. Connelly and his colleagues for leadership in assuming the full responsibility for restoring the amount needed to fulfill the Ethics Law that was passed so overwhelmingly," said Joan Austin, Chairwoman of Common Cause/Massachusetts. "Legislators should be hearing from their constituents on this funding. We think voters in their districts will expect them to honor the commitment they made in voting for the state Ethics Law."

Athletic Association Reacts To Budget Cuts

Due to a cutback in the town's Park and Recreation budget, the executive board of the Agawam Athletic Association has indicated that their organization will take responsibility for the youth programs nixed by the budget cuts.

Recently, Town Manager Peter Caputo announced his intention of streamlining the Park Department budget to the extent of \$25,000. Caputo's intention of cutting the department's budget has drawn some sharp criticism from a number of parents in the community.

According to Association president, Gerald Mason, approximately \$5,000 of the overall cutback in the Park Department's budget will be picked up by the Athletic Association.

Mason said during an interview with the Advertiser/News that the programs the town intends to withdraw funding from include baton, family swim, learn to swim, football, soccer, gymnastics and instructional basketball. Mason said that only the town's fall football program remains in jeopardy of not being continued by his organization. The association's long-time president said that monetary reasons were not responsible for the Association's failure to assume control of the football program. According to Mason, "the association has no people to run the program."

"People have been and still are upset about the town's cutting of the athletic program budget. But, when we tried to get some people to run the football program, not enough interest was shown. We can afford to pick it up but until we can find supervisors for the program, we assume it

will not continue," Mason explained.

Mason stated that approximately 1,000 children compete in the various programs the town is planning to cut from the Parks Department budget. Mason quoted figures presented by Parks

Department Director Jack Kunasek as indicating that approximately 225 children participate in the football program alone. Two years ago, the Athletic Association gave directorship of the football and soccer programs to the town. Mason said that according to Kunasek's figures, over 450 local youth compete in the fall soccer program. "If the soccer association hadn't picked up the soccer program, it would have been a major blow to the development of soccer in this town," he stated.

During the citizen's speak time portion of the May 7th Town Council meeting, Mason told both Caputo and the 15 elected officials that the Athletic Association would refuse to assume responsibility for any of the programs if the town "dishes out money to other youth programs before meeting the needs of over 1,000 children."

Mason told the Advertiser/News that if the Council funds the Youth Center, to the sum of \$20,000, the Executive Board of his organization will maintain a negative posture on picking up the tab for the nixed programs.

"We do not object to the Youth Center or its continuing to be funded. What we do object to," Mason added, "are certain councilors who wish to add funding to other recreational projects while we're living with budget cuts in competitive children's

programs that far exceed other in participation and in interest."

The Youth Center, located on Springfield Street, has been the cause of much controversy since Caputo announced that the town will no longer be responsible for the funding of the organization.

A long line of proponents for the Youth Center have voiced their disapproval of Caputo's intentions during Citizen's Speak Time at each council meeting since the middle of March. Youth Center officials have put on a strong lobbying effort to seek Council support for the funding of the Center.

Mason again stressed that neither he nor his organization have any animosity towards the Youth Center or the program it offers. "We just feel that if the Council can somehow find money for the Youth Center then it certainly can find the funding for the programs that Mr. Caputo has deleted from the budget of the Parks Department," commented Mason.

Mason explained that his Citizen's Speak Time presentation to the Council was to let Councilors know that the people involved in the program cuts "were extremely disappointed in Caputo's decision to delete them from the municipal docket."

"I was speaking for an area outside the Agawam Athletic Association, for the programs that were going to be discontinued. These people had no real organization to speak for them so the Athletic Association assured them we would do the best we could to continue the programs," Mason said.

Mason said his organization has not or will not in the future attempt to solicit

funding from the Council adding, "we just want them to realize it is also their (the Council's) responsibility to ensure that Agawam can provide a strong program in sports for as many children in town as possible."

"This is really the first time the Council has been faced with a decision on kids sports and it will be interesting to see exactly what they do," he related.

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Theroux, suggested to Caputo that he instruct Stone to work on a list of alternative projects and to more clearly define what the excess money can be used for.

Councilors John McNamara and Robert DeForge voted with Fieldstad on the motion.

During the Citizen's Speak Time portion of the Council meeting, Arthur Leary, a member of the Agawam Business Association's special 3-man ad hoc panel charged with looking into the procedures of the library's construction asked the Council to negate Fieldstad's proposal.

Leary pointed to a number of loopholes his committee found in the Library's construction and called the process "an arrogance of government."

Car Wash

On Saturday, May 19th, a car wash will be held to benefit the Suburban Baseball League's Sacred Heart team. The car wash will run from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Sacred Heart Church parking lot, Springfield Street, Feeding Hills.

This is to notify all concerned that the drawings for the raffle to be conducted by the Chapel of the States Association on June 2, 1979 has been postponed to Saturday, July 7, 1979 at the Church Hall of the Valley Community Church, Feeding Hills.

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Social

Reception Will Honor Valentine

The Peirce School PTO cordially invites the people of Agawam to attend a reception in honor of Mr. Vincent Valentine, who is celebrating 25 years of teaching at Peirce School.

This event will take place on Wednesday, May 16th, at 8:30 p.m. at Peirce School. All who may have had Mr. Valentine as a teacher or who may have worked with him in any capacity are encouraged to attend.

Golden Agers Meeting

The Agawam Golden Age Club held its regular meeting May 9 at the Senior center on Wright Street. We were entertained by Norma Turcotte and Dorcas Cirillo. Our own Ruth Brockway and Matthew Day also joined in with solos.

Emmline Comeau's trip to Florida was a great success. All 45 aboard are home tired, but happy.

Our next meeting is May 23 and is still a mystery.

Agawam Woman On YW Board

Ruth A. Perry of Agawam has been newly elected to the Board of Directors of the Springfield YWCA, 26 Howard Street, Springfield, at the 108th annual meeting held recently. The new board members are being trained and indoctrinated during the month of May.

The Springfield YWCA serves the entire Greater Springfield area. Both YW members and non-members are invited to participate in the social service, cultural, self-growth, and fun activities offered on an on-going basis.

For further information, contact the Springfield YWCA at 732-3121.

Retired Teachers Will Meet

The spring meeting of the Hampden North Chapter of the Massachusetts Retired Teachers Association will be held at the Colosseum Banquet House, 943 Memorial Avenue, West Springfield on Tuesday, May 22nd. The social hour will start at 11 a.m. with luncheon to be served promptly at noon.

The menu will be a choice of scrod or chicken breast. Music will be furnished by students from Agawam High students from the Agawam School System under the direction of Darcy Davis. A representative from the State Retired Teachers Association will be present to bring us an update on current legislation.

Garden Club Plant Sale



Members of the Agawam Garden Club are from left: Mary Fedoro, vice president; Janet Cook, president; and Debra Pond, publicity secretary. Absent when photo was taken was Fran Wurga, chairman of the plant sale. photo by Jack Devine

The Agawam Garden Club will sponsor its annual plant sale on Saturday, May 19, from 9 a.m. to noon at the Agawam Congregational Church,

Main Street.

The plants for sale will include annuals, perennials, geraniums, herbs, house plants, and vegetable plants. Many varieties will be

available in all categories. Baked goods will also be for sale.

This plant sale will be held rain or shine.

Celeste DiPietro Graduates

Celeste Regina DiPietro, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John DiPietro of 47 Bridge Street, Agawam, will be awarded a bachelor's degree from Boston College in Chestnut Hill on May 21.

Miss DiPietro is a graduate of MacDuffie School for Girls and spent her junior year of college studying in Switzerland and traveling extensively in Europe.

She is the granddaughter of Regina Balboni Savioli of Agawam.

Agawam Women Plan Series

Ruth and Edith Perry of Agawam are part of a twenty-two member committee helping to plan for the fifth year of the YWCA Celebrity Series. Tickets are now on sale for the 1979-80 season.

This year's guests are Mercedes McCambridge, Academy Award-winning actress, on October 25, 1979; Jack Anderson, controversial columnist, on November 29, 1979; Jessica Savitch, NBC's articulate Washington correspondent, on March 27, 1980; and Marilyn Van Derbur, former Miss America and recently voted "Outstanding Woman Speaker in America" on April 24, 1980.

The purpose for the YWCA Celebrity Series is to bring the top entertainers and personalities of the day to the Greater Springfield area for four Thursday morning lectures. Tickets are sold on a series basis only for \$18 through the Springfield YWCA, 26 Howard Street, Springfield.

The optional "Luncheon With the Stars" following the lectures is again available to lecture series ticket holders for a \$26 series or on an individual ticket basis. The lectures will be held at Old First Church on Court Square, 10:30 A.M.

The YWCA is a United Way agency.

Junior Women's Club Receives Awards

The Agawam Junior Women's club captured several state awards at the annual conference of the Massachusetts Federation of Women's Clubs, junior membership, held recently in Burlington, Mass.

Among the awards was one for Best Medium-Sized Club in the state in the area of Conservation. In this, the Agawam Juniors were cited for their home energy checks and the "Gray Is Beautiful" project promoting packaging of recycled paper by manufacturers.

Outstanding achievement in the Education Department for Medium-Sized Clubs was awarded for the Agawam Juniors assistance in presenting a week-long story hour at the town library, for making 1,050 elementary school children more aware of safety through presentations of safety films by club members at all of Agawam's

elementary schools, and for making a list of recommended children's books available to members.

T-shirts silk-screened with the club's logo and creative membership newspaper articles helped to win an award in the Best Membership Program Extension Division.

The Agawam Juniors were also awarded Best Pressbook for Medium-Sized Clubs, Outstanding Achievement Award for contributions to *Federation Topics*, a statewide publication of the Mass. Federation of Women's Clubs, and a Certificate of Appreciation from the March of Dimes for their donations.

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Charles Heyl

Agawam Teacher At National Conference

Charles Heyl, industrial arts teacher at Agawam Junior High School and immediate past president of the Massachusetts Industrial Education Society, represented the Massachusetts Advisory Council on Vocational Technical Education at the National Council meeting held in Washington, D.C. May 2-6. Mr. Heyl was appointed to the Advisory Council by Governor Dukakis in September, 1977, representing technical teachers.

In the spring of 1978, he chaired the student forum held at Springfield Technical Community College. That was the first time the Advisory Council provided students with an opportunity to give input into the needs and recommendations of vocational-technical education.

Mr. Heyl is presently the council's representative to the

State Plan Committee on vocational technical education. This committee involves itself with present and long-range plans and programs for vocational education funded by the federal government.

At the national meeting, representatives from 50 advisory councils exchanged concerns and discussed issues and anticipations in regard to vocational and technical education. A panel of congressmen discussed its expectations and the impact it felt the state advisory council should have on vocational programs.

Elks Honor Agawam Firefighters

The Agawam-West Springfield Elks honored two Agawam firefighters at a banquet on May 11th. Robert Mercadante and Joe Mercadante were honored for their civic contributions to youth activities. Bob and Joe are very active in baseball, basketball, and hockey for the Agawam AA and the Sacred Heart Athletic Association, as well as school activities and field trips for students.

Bob Mercadante has been on the Agawam Fire Department since 1964. He lives on Poplar Street with his wife Pauline and their five children, Robert, Dianne, Jolene, Lee-Ann and Paul.

Joe Mercadante has been a fireman since 1966. He lives on Thalia Drive with his wife Pat and their two sons Kevin and Keith.

Robert and Joe are lifelong residents of Agawam and have devoted much of their lives to the town of Agawam and its youth. The Agawam Firefighters Local 1973 join the Agawam-West Springfield Elks in thanking these brothers for their devotion.

Solo/Ensemble Music Festivals

Many Agawam student musicians earned superior and excellent ratings at solo/ensemble performances held recently.

This year's eight afternoons saw over 200 students taking part and nearly 110 of these were judged superior or excellent. Many of the students from all levels (5th grade through senior high) will be featured in a formal evening recital on Tuesday, June 5th at the Agawam Junior High School auditorium at 7:30 p.m., while a small number of especially outstanding performers will join with faculty members and alumni in a second evening recital on Wednesday, June 13 also at the Junior High auditorium.

The solo/ensemble festivals for Agawam students were started by Mr. David Baldock, band director for the Middle and Junior High Schools and for the Jazz Ensembles, to allow young musicians to be heard in solo and small group performances in a judged situation with special pins awarded for superior and excellent achievement.

The first year found all students from 5th to 12th grade fitting into two afternoon performances. This rapidly expanded to 5 afternoons the next year with members of the elementary band, directed by Mrs. Sally Lowell, becoming completely involved. This year saw the numbers increase to the point where 8 sessions were needed for all to participate.

Last year the first evening "All Star" Recital was held for superior rated students, and this year there were so many high ratings that a second evening will be held to prevent too long of a program. An added feature this year at the second evening, June 13, will be the inclusion of several numbers by music staff members and possibly some

by recent alumni of the high school who have gone into college music training.

Students from the Elementary Band who received superior ratings include the following: Robert Aversa, Kelley Bolduc, Robert Coelln, Dawn Donatini, Nicole Ferioli, Timothy Hebert, Sarah Lester, Scott Magnusson, Christopher Noll, Martha Patnaude, Richard Vezis, and Kevin Voyer.

Those receiving superior rating from 6th grade were Karen Conway, Paul Joseph, Ed Grimaldi, Todd Connery, Donna Wesley, Michael Briggs, Colleen Nofall, Jamie Pacella, Sandy Lynch, Joanne Pallotta, and Jim Kallipolites.

Those receiving excellent rating from 6th grade were Chris Tourville, Chuck Losito, Karen Conway, Diana Porter, Missy Norton, Kristine Walsh, Darryl Brennan, Donna Davilli, Paula Aversa, Joanne Pallotta, Joe Langone, Ellen Stratton, Brian Boulay, John Hauser, Michael Orciari, Jim Helton, Greg Daniels, Paula Aversa, Jeff Hastings, Colleen Nofall, Lisa Ann Eldridge, and Melissa Copple.

Those receiving superior rating from 7th grade were Merritt Hopping, Amy Porter, Colleen Conway, Lisa Chevalier, Ricky Pierce, Mark Petrucci, Eric Meunier, and Karen Albano.

Those receiving excellent rating from 7th grade were Katie Lester, Debbie Marai,

Keery, Merritt Hopping, Ed Piccoli, Debbie Butman, Amy Porter, Carla Beavis, Michelle Rolland, Larry Manning, Kim Musinski, Michelle Duclos, Lori Rahilly, Michelle Early, Lisa Chevalier, Colleen Conway, Karen Albano, Maria Ollari, and Debra Twarog.

Those receiving superior rating from the Junior High were Kerry Schindler, Val Wroblewski, Eugene McLean, Joanne Boucher, Tracy Fontaine, Ellen Fanning, Danny Methot, and Andy Lester.

Those receiving excellent rating from the Junior High were Mike Annino, Eileen Pappas, Gina Rossi, Joanne Imelio, Joe Curran, Jeff Mark Cardano, Shawn Rovelli, Erica Jansons,

Charles Hastings, Kim Stoll, Dale Patnaude, Dan Methot, John Duggan, Scott Rainville, and Terri-Ann Ouellette.

Those receiving superior rating from the Senior High were Carol Boucher, Leonard Pupello, Donna Toon, Todd Rovelli, Dana Mowrer, Ed Frighetto, Dominic Dermine, Nelson Martel, and Paul Sibilia.

Those receiving excellent rating from the Senior High were Dana Mowrer, Karen Nascembeni, Bill Butman, Shelly Melanson, Sue DeMatos, Carol Boucher, Cheryl Robinson, Ken Mallette, Charles Withee, Donna Toon, Dominic Dermine, Ed Frighetto, Rick Thornton, Bob drewes, and Mark Duggan.

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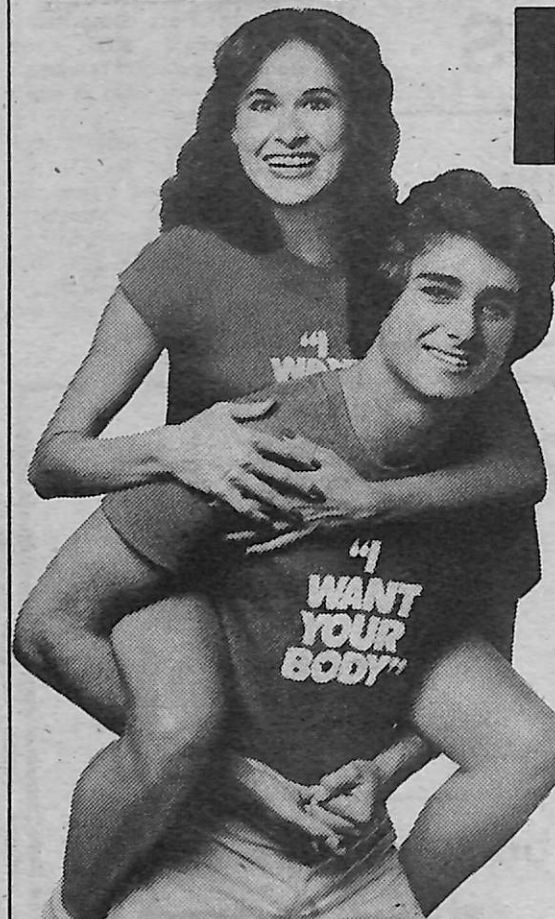
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The organizations to which an appeal has been made are the following: Agawam Jaycees, Agawam Lions, American Legion Post 185, Agawam Junior Women's Club, Knights of Columbus, Polish-American Club, Agawam Rotary, UNICO, V.F.W. Post 1632, and the West Springfield-Agawam Elks.

Anyone who would like to participate in the fundraising drive is asked to contact Dr. Sam Femiano at 786-6410.

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For further information and application forms, contact the Red Cross, 275 Maple Street, Springfield, Office of Health and Safety.

The two locations for area classes will be held at Brookline, New Hampshire and Lenox, Mass.



Heritage Hall volunteers were honored recently at a banquet. From left to right: Nancy Edwards, Florence Cascio, Karen LaPlante, volunteer coordinator, Betty Mae Curran and Father Benshoff of St. David's Church. photo by Jack Devine

Catholic Women Hold Banquet

Mrs. Philip J. DeForge will be installed as president of the Agawam Catholic Women's Club at the annual club banquet to be held on Monday, May 21st at Chez Josef with a social hour at 6:30 followed by dinner at 7:30.

Rev. Karl Huller, pastor of St. John the Evangelist Church, will also install the following officers for a term of two years (1979-81): Mrs.

Cirillo and her daughter, Mrs. Albert Taupier, first vice president; Mrs. James Doyle, second vice president; Mrs. Stephen Jacaparo, secretary; Mrs. Richard E. Gingras, treasurer; Mrs. Stanley Ciempa, assistant treasurer; and Mrs. Thomas McGovern, Mrs. Richard Conway, and Mrs. James Consolini, directors.

Musical selections will be provided by Mrs. Dorcas

Norma Turcotte.

Mrs. Edmund Colby, banquet chairperson, will be assisted by members of her committee: Mrs. Robert Consedine, Mrs. Walter Chmura, Mrs. Stanley Ciempa, Mrs. Edmund Coffey, Mrs. William DeSisto, Mrs. Arthus Fortier, Mrs. Arnold Jerry, Mrs. Peter Longo, and Mrs. Philip Malinoski.

Golf Tournament to Benefit Scleroderma Research

On Sunday, May 20th, the First Annual Italian Open Golf Tournament for Scleroderma research will be held at the Agawam Country Club, Feeding Hills. Starting times are available from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Many tee times are already booked. If anyone wishes a time, they can call Gubby Borgatti from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. everyday at 736-3487.

This tournament is unique, as it offers wine, Italian cold cuts and bread on the course and in the early evening, an Italian supper will be held at the Agawam Country Club clubhouse. Any profit made will be turned over to the Scleroderma International

Foundation in October at the annual meeting.

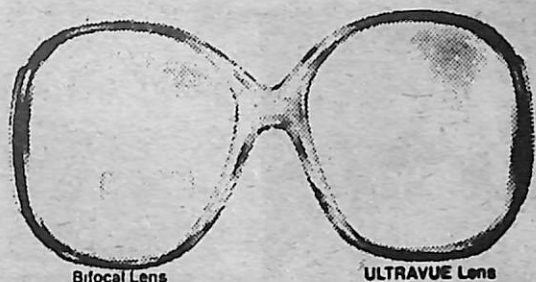
Scleroderma is a disease which means hardening of the skin, which actually turns to stone, and in many cases is fatal. Ruth Borgatti of Agawam succumbed to Scleroderma in 1973, and since then, a committee called Gubby and Friends have worked diligently to raise funds for this cause. The Medical Research Foundation has stated that this group is the highest single contributor in the country, for which they are very proud.

A plaque was presented to this group in New Castle, PA., by the Scleroderma International Foundation for their

outstanding fund raising efforts last year. Gubby & Friends have their own organization called the Agawam Scleroderma Club. Their best year was in 1978 when their club presented the Foundation with \$6,000 for research. The Agawam Scleroderma Club now consists of about 40 volunteers who assist in raising funds for research.

The next event to be held for this purpose is the 5th annual golf tournament at Agawam Country Club June 10, called the Ruth Borgatti Golf Tournament. We hope to have a good turnout for these two events says Gubby & Friends.

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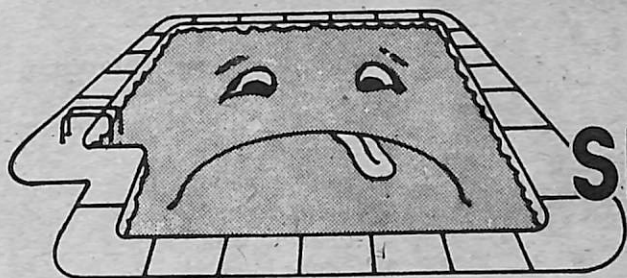
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The School Bus Safety Patrol took its annual trip to Washington, D.C. last weekend. The members of the patrol who spend the school year helping to maintain order on school buses in town would like to extend their sincere thanks to the many sponsors whose generosity made their trip possible.

The following town agencies contributed to the fund for the trip: Agawam D.P.W. Association, the Agawam Firefighters Association, the Agawam Police Association, the Granger School Book Store, and the Agawam Middle School.

The following town clubs contributed to the fund:

Polish-American Club, the V.F.W., the West Springfield Fish and Game Club, the Agawam Rotary, the Agawam Lions Club, Agawam UNICO, and the Agawam Junior Women's Club.

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Russell J. Rowell, M.D., Society President, will present gold badges to the honored physicians at the 198th anniversary meeting of the society.

Dr. Doolittle is a graduate of Boston University School of Medicine and a specialist in urology. Before his retirement, he held appointments as chief of urology at Springfield, Wesson Memorial, and Cooley Dickinson Hospitals. He is also a past president of the Springfield Hospital Medical Staff.

Herb Garden Workshop

Laughing Brook Education Center in Hampden is holding a two-session workshop entitled *A Garden of Herbs* beginning Saturday, May 26 from 10 a.m. to noon.

The program taught by Nancy Bennett, a local herbalist, will contain all the information necessary on how to set up a small, backyard herb garden. Identifying herbs, their uses and requirements will also be outlined. Recipes for herb cooking will be passed around.

The second session for the program will be held on Saturday, June 2. Both indoor orientation and outdoor observation of the sanctuary's herb garden are planned.

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Editorials

An Observation

A Crackdown in the Parks

The mini heat wave which scorched the Western Mass area last week rudely awakened Agawam residents to the approaching of the summer months.

The pleasant spring days will soon turn into the balmy months of June, July, and August and for some of us, the thoughts of hot, humid 95 degree afternoons will make us long for the comfortable spring-like weather.

Malicious Destruction

And with the seething sun comes a problem the community can no longer afford to tolerate; the malicious and sporadic destruction of public parks and private property which border these recreational facilities.

The majority of the damage is caused by the bad apple element in the community's younger generation. Although the total number of these marauding juvenile gangs is small, they have proved to be a sore thorn in the side of both the police and park departments in recent years.

Perhaps the hardest assaulted location is Shea's Field, an area which cornerstones summer recreation in Agawam. Why just this year alone Shea's Field will be utilized more than ever before by a wide variety of local organizations who cannot afford to lose the facility because of dilapidated conditions.

Although Parks Department personnel do a yeoman's job on cleaning up the debris and damage to the various playing fields found at the Shea's Field site, one has to wonder how much more battering that area can take.

Ever Growing Problem

Phelp's field, St. John's field, Danahy School playground and Granger School playground are other areas that have been struck at one time or another. The problem of vandalism in fact, seems to be ever growing.

Police Chief Stanley Chmielewski fully acknowledges the town-wide effects of vandalism. Chmielewski's proposal to the Town Council to create an ordinance that will allow his force to prevent juvenile drinking on public property, was formally approved at the Council's May 7 session. Included in the ordinance is a statement which will allow the Police Department to enter onto private property to arrest youths who are drinking. The permission of the property's owner will be required before the officer can commence his actions.

Alcohol, it seems, is conducive to conditions that usually create the inevitable attack on whatever public property happens to be around. The huge wheels left by tire tracks on playing fields or the roaring of speeding cars on park roadways often are the result of excessive alcohol abuse. Realizing this, Chmielewski felt that such an ordinance would effectively get the drinkers out of the parks.

Residents of the Shea's Field vicinity presented the Council with a petition asking for a "beat cop" to patrol that often maligned area of Agawam. Chmielewski has asked Town Manager Peter Caputo for eight new slots in the Department. Hopefully, the Manager's new budget will see fit to create the positions the chief feels are necessary to better protect the community. And this time of year certainly merits extended police coverage.

Important Public Property

But despite the increased police surveillance in the parks and playgrounds throughout the town during the past few years, the vandals continue in their efforts to victimize the very important public property. The police certainly have attempted to catch the youthful offenders red-handed, yet the law enforcers cannot be everywhere at once. Perhaps some highly visible beat patrolman would serve as a constant deterrent to those whose sole claim to fame during the summer months is the fact that he creates anxiety for the taxpayers of Agawam. And its taxpayers who are forced to foot the bill when Police and Park Dept. personnel go to extended lengths to protect and maintain the parks and playgrounds.

The responsibility of dealing with the villains does not rest solely on the shoulders of the Police Department, however, since taxpayers dollars and recreational time is spent on these facilities, citizen cooperation with the men in blue is a must. When a horde of youth are seen breaking bottles or damaging a playing area, quickly finding a phone and calling the police could at least put a stop to further and more extensive vandalism.

When citizens turn their backs pretending that the crime is not going on, it actually is aiding and abetting the offenders in their actions. Without full citizen participation, the police become somewhat hampered. Residents in the Maynard Street area should be commended for the concern for their area and hopefully these residents will provide the Police with any information leading to the immediate prosecution of the Shea's Field wrecking crew.

Discretionary Power

Chmielewski has pledged that the Department will emphatically enforce the new ordinance. Accordingly, we can expect to find the various trouble spots in town to be relatively clear of thugs. Chmielewski also has stated that discretionary powers will be used in carrying out the new ordinance.

I hope that this "discretionary power" does not include using get tough tactics with kids who are listening to music, throwing frisbees or conducting themselves, in groups, in an orderly manner during after-dark hours when the facility is still open to the public. The crackdown is on drinking on public facilities and to ensure the protection of private property in not only residential settings but in the more secluded areas of the community.

Some Afterthoughts on Beltrandi Business Park

by Ric Sardella

It seems rather ironic that after all the controversy, accusations and heated debate surrounding the proposed Beltrandi-Charkoudian business park in Feeding Hills, the final judgement on the proposition was rendered without much fanfare or emotion.

At the May 7th meeting of the town's 15 elected officials, the ultimate lid was sealed on the business park by a 9-6 margin.

Anti-Climatic

The reason for the anti-climatic decision on the project rests solely in the fact Beltrandi simply did not possess the 12 votes necessary to open the gate for the business park, which was estimated at a cost of \$55 million while consuming some 255 acres.

Because opponents of the project presented the Council with a list of 20% of the total number of abutters at the April 26th public hearing, approval of the project automatically called for 12 councilors to issue their stamp of approval on it.

The charter objection raised by Councilor Kenneth Barnes postponed the actual voting from that hotly contested evening until the May 7th Council session. And it was only this parliamentary move by Barnes which stopped the reading of the business park's epitaph at the April 26th hearing.

The 500 residents in attendance at the public hearing did not need pocket calculators to discover that the local developer had neither the 12 votes or even a simple majority of the Council membership.

Maligned Project

And when the developer announced to the media on the morning of May 7th that he was withdrawing his much maligned project from Council consideration, the pressure cooker completely collapsed. Beltrandi also decided not to put the issue out to referendum since it would need a 4/5 voter go-ahead, something virtually impossible to attain. Beltrandi definitely had support in the community, but those odds are a stacked deck in nature.

Thus, only a small gathering of residents turned out last Monday evening. Fortunately, we were all spared the further torture of emotional and crowd-playing rhetoric from some Councilors who obviously see it to their advantage to showcase their verbal talents during an election year.

4 Choices

Beltrandi however, still intends on purchasing the land from Sixty Realty, a branch of Textron Corporation. The developer has indicated that he has four options in developing the land:

—State mandated subsidized housing which enlarges the bordering Pheasant Hill housing project to 751 units. In other words, Pheasant Hill II.

—Housing and Urban Development condominiums with 40% of the units subsidized by the federal government. Federally mandated cluster zoning would come into play here and supercede local statutes.

—Single family homes that can be immediately developed.

—Retail development of the northern portion of the 255 acre site. This includes 60 acres and would be utilized for a retail complex which by the way is the almost same exact proposal Beltrandi submitted in the original package.

Most Attractive

The most attractive and perhaps most practical choice for not only Beltrandi but the community would seem to be the retail complex. The initial plan presented by Beltrandi had its merits but overall, it was just too big and could have had far reaching and adverse effects on the town.

But why not allow Beltrandi to install just a retail complex? According to the developer, he would seek a more restrictive Business A zoning instead of Business B, which he originally applied for. And if the developer decided to go this route, he would have to go through the entire municipal process again. "Maybe we will come forth with this in June when things cool down a bit," Beltrandi commented.

It seems that at a time when the community is seeking to further proliferate its economic base, this modified version of the business park would not be such a bad move and it deserves a hard second look. It will appear to some residents, and not without a degree of justification, that Beltrandi is presenting Agawam with a round of Russian Roulette by offering the lesser of four evils. Regardless of this contention, this type of smaller and more controllable



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

To the Editor:

Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Massachusetts are strongly opposed to amendments to Chapter 766 to make third parties liable for certain medical expenses of special education.

In addition to increasing premium rates, the proposed legislation could depress the business climate in Massachusetts if employers were forced to assume a major share of this financial burden. Chapter 766 claim costs, if paid by us for student members in the 1978-79 school year, would add approximately \$30 to cost family contracts. Incentives to ensure appropriate use of Chapter 766 services will also be jeopardized if local financial responsibility is removed.

A major concern remains lack of utilization controls of program services. A battery of tests costing as much as \$500 could conceivably be ordered for a simple turancy. A prudent designer or purchaser of health insurance would never consider a health insurance policy that contained such open-ended benefits. They can only be

provided as an integral part of a school-based special education program.

The Chapter 766 bill is only one of several filed with the General Court this year which would mandate certain benefits for private health insurance. I all of them were passed, they would add approximately \$150 million to the Blue Cross and Blue Shield premiums initially and even high amounts in subsequent years. The disastrous results of this philosophy of transferring the cost of public social programs to the Massachusetts business community and health insurance policy holders should be apparent to everyone.

For these and many other reasons, we urge that the Chapter 766 program remain in the public domain and within the jurisdiction of locally-elected officials responsible for its administration.

Sincerely,
Arthur G. Carty
President

Blue Cross of Massachusetts

enterprise would be something the town can readily use to stabilize its tax base.

Character Attackers

If Beltrandi decides to submit the new version of the business park, undoubtedly many of the same individuals who shamefully rushed around the community launching relentless attacks at not only Beltrandi's credibility, but the credibility of those elected and appointed officials who supported him will continue in their own little political gamesmanship.

Despite this type of distraction, it is hopeful that those who wield the power in town will compare the value of the proposal against the tough road facing the new and revived Industrial Development Commission once it officially secures the badly needed support from the town. Why not consider both of these aspects of the town's economic growth and through careful and concise planning give equitable attention to the Beltrandi proposition and the Industrial Park on Silver Street and the industrial zone land at the Bowles airport site?

Final Word

A final word on the economic growth in Agawam brings the stalled Route 57 Extension into all the conversation of attracting more business onto the local scene.

It would seem that as long as Route 57 remains on some federal engineers' desk, both the Beltrandi Retail Complex and the development of the 655 acres at the airport will remain in basically a moot stage. This was one of the fatal contradictions in Beltrandi's claims of 255 acres of thriving business in the Feeding Hills section of town. It also puts a contradiction tag on all dialogue concerning added development of both present industrial park and the airport site.

57 the Key

No matter where the aggressive move originates to entice new business firms into the community, it is rather dubious that Agawam is equipped to handle the burdens of additional traffic unless the 57 extension comes to pass. Besides, without the extension of the highway, would perspective firms like to settle here in the first place?

Until the town can break the yoke placed on its neck by self-seekers like the Lower Pioneer Valley Regional Planning Commission and the Pioneer Valley Transit Authority, the regional entities holding up the road's construction, it is rather doubtful we are in a position to take any significant action that will add valuable revenue to the community treasury.

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PUBLIC HEARING

AGAWAM, MASSACHUSETTS

The following budget has been submitted to the Town Council which will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, May 29, 1979, at 8:00 P.M., at the Agawam Junior High School Auditorium, 1305 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, Ma. The budget may be inspected at the Town Clerk's Office, 36 Main Street, Agawam, Ma., between the hours of 8:30 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. summary sheet of the budget is available.

PROPOSED TOWN OF AGAWAM BUDGET 1979-80

	Personnel	Supplies	Services	Equipment	Misc.	Total	Schools
10 Council	9,890	350	4,150	0	5,500	19,890	Oper. Expenses
11 Manager	54,774	900	1,150	500	200	57,424	6,587,004
12 Accountant	37,842	325	3,000	300	0	41,467	
13 Clerk	49,297	400	4,075	0	0	53,772	Transportation
14 Treasurer	46,519	325	710	0	0	47,554	381,380
15 Collector	31,585	500	2,030	5,535	0	39,650	Travel
16 Assessors	54,952	1,100	5,125	0	0	61,177	2,000
17 Law	26,000	0	28,000	0	0	54,000	Total
18 Elec. & Reg.	20,250	135	7,281	800	0	28,466	6,970,384
19 Town Bldg. Adm.	22,083	6,000	69,850	0	0	97,933	GRAND TOTAL
21 Fire	805,259	18,500	18,525	1,200	0	843,484	\$14,793,847
22 Police	819,590	56,125	15,440	50,275	0	921,430	
23 Wpts. & Mens	15,013	995	675	0	0	16,683	32 Water Dept.
24 Bldg. Inspection	59,050	1,165	1,990	200	0	62,405	130,390
25 Forestry	1,800	0	25,000	0	0	26,800	63,475
26 Civil Defense	0	500	1,120	0	0	1,710	373,195
27 Health	125,289	4,950	2,575	300	0	133,114	10,500
28 Sanitation	140,015	48,435	401,660	1,675	0	591,785	0
29 DPW Adm.	32,923	8,610	90,440	800	0	42,103	577,760
30 Highways	272,748	222,140	1,470	0	0	596,068	
31 Engineering	100,667	3,485	25,370	4,625	38,500	169,080	Edward A. Caba
36 Library	126,930	7,945	17,250	1,650	11,637	14,000	Town & Council Clerk
37 Parks & Rec.	102,466	16,800	978	0	0	73,961	
38 Youth Comm.	11,872	1,170	17,820	0	0	1,085	
57 Council on Aging	50,841	5,380	750	0	0	9,874	
58 Bd of Appeals	700	100	285	0	0	11,385	
59 Planning Bd.	8,749	375	9,825	0	0	64,676	
63 Dog Control	1,500	60	5,375	0	0	923,605	
64 Data Processing	59,001	380	385,115	6,550	0	200,200	
81 School Maint.	472,275	59,665	0	0	0	2,338,367	
82 Capital Budget	0	0	0	0	0		
99 Line Item	0	0	0	0	0		
	3,559,880	467,205	1,147,564	54,410	55,837	7,823,463	

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APPROVED ORDINANCE
TOWN OF AGAWAM
IN THE YEAR ONE THOUSAND
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AN ORDINANCE
TO AMEND THE CODE
OF
THE TOWN OF AGAWAM

An ordinance to amend Chapter XI entitled "Offenses - Miscellaneous", of the Code of the Town of Agawam

Be it ordained by the Town Council of the Town of Agawam as follows:

Chapter XI entitled "Offenses - Miscellaneous", of the code of the Town of Agawam, is hereby amended by adding the following:

Section 11-6: Alcoholic Beverages - Possession, Consumption, and/or Transport

It shall be unlawful for any person to possess, consume from and/or transport, an open container of alcoholic beverages on any public street, public sidewalk or public way, or on any grounds owned by the Town, within the limits of the Town; except that this section shall not apply to events or festivals duly licensed by the liquor license commission or officials of the Town of Agawam having care and custody of the premises so licensed, to the extent of such license approval. The fine may be imposed for not more than two hundred dollars for this offense.

Chapter XI entitled "Offenses - Miscellaneous", of the Code of the Town of Agawam is hereby amended by adding the following:

LEGAL NOTICE

Section 11-7: Entry upon private property after being forbidden as trespass; prima facie evidence; penalties; arrest; tenants or occupants excepted

Whoever, without right, enters or remains in or upon the dwelling house, buildings, boats or improved or enclosed land, wharf, or pier of another, after having been forbidden so to do by the person who has lawful control of said premises, either directly or by notice posted thereon, or in violation of a court order pursuant to section thirty-four B of chapter two hundred and eight or section four of chapter two hundred and nine A, shall be punished by a fine of not more than one hundred dollars or by imprisonment for not more than thirty days, or both. Proof that a court has given notice of such a court order to the alleged offender shall be prima facie evidence that the notice requirement of this section has been met. A person who is found committing such trespass may be arrested by a sheriff, deputy sheriff, constable or police officer and kept in custody in a convenient place, not more than twenty-four hours, Sunday excepted, until a complaint can be made against him for the offense, and he be taken upon a warrant issued upon such complaint.

This section shall not apply to tenants or occupants of residential premises who, having rightfully entered said premises at the commencement of the tenancy or occupancy, remain therein after such tenancy or occupancy has been or is alleged to have been terminated. The owner or landlord of said premises may recover possession thereof only through appropriate civil proceedings.

By order of the Agawam Town Council,
Edward A. Caba, Town & Council Clerk

LEGAL NOTICE

In accordance with the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 155, section 28, a public hearing will be held in Room 218 A, 600 Washington Street, Boston, Massachusetts at 10:15 a.m. on June 13, 1979 regarding whether the Department of Public Health should approve articles of amendment in connection with the Agawam Citizens' Organization which proposes to operate an outpatient mental health clinic located at 770 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, Massachusetts.
(Dr.) Sam Femiano
Director
Published: May 15, May 22, May 29

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
AGAWAM PUBLIC SCHOOLS

The Agawam School Committee will hold a public hearing on the 1979-1980 budget on May 22, 1979 at 8:00 P.M., in the Agawam Junior High School auditorium. Information regarding the budget may be picked up in the Superintendent's Office at the Agawam Junior High School, 1305 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, MA between 8:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.

Agawam School Committee

TOWN OF AGAWAM
MASSACHUSETTS

PUBLIC HEARING

In conjunction with the public hearing scheduled on the proposed town operating budget for fiscal period July 1, 1979, to June 30, 1980, the Agawam Town Council will conduct a public hearing on May 29, 1979, at 8 P.M., Agawam Junior High School Auditorium, 1305 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, Ma. to hear citizen's comments and suggestions, both written and oral, on the following proposed allocation of Revenue Sharing Funds - Entitlement Period Ten - October 1, 1978 - September 30, 1979; and Available Anti Recession Fiscal Assistance Funds.

PROPOSED USE: Revenue Sharing

Dept. Code	Acct. No.	Department	Item	Amount Allocated
022	402	Police	Vehicles	\$40,000.00
028	334	Sanitation	Rubbish Collection	96,500.00
028	335	Sanitation	Garbage Collection	25,000.00
030	203	Highway	Snow & Ice Control	3,043.60
030	320	Highway	Benis	61,000.00
082	505	Capital Budget	Equipment	100,000.00
099	208	Line Item	Street Lights	200,000.00
			Total Revenue Sharing	\$525,543.60

PROPOSED USE: Anti Recession Fiscal Assistance Funds

022	101	Police	Salaries	\$25,427.00
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A summary of subject proposed allocations may be inspected at the Town Clerk's Office, 36 Main Street, Agawam, Ma., between the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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Down to Earth

by Janet Cook



Herbs are grown for many purposes. One that interests me is the use of herbs to make us feel good.

In times long past, herbs were used as a cure for almost any illness or trouble. Today we find herbs being used as cures for many of the same illnesses. These remedies act in a gradual manner. Their effects don't become immediately noticeable, but almost without your awareness, they help you feel better.

I must say, however, that herbs are not meant to be a replacement for qualified medical advice. If you have symptoms which persist, you should consult your doctor. I use herbs as a "pick-me-up" or a relaxant, mostly in the form of an herbal tea or a tonic.

For the common cold, use horehound candy or tea. Pennyroyal will ease a cough. Borage, lemon balm, pennyroyal, and yarrow will help lift that depression you might feel. Yarrow will help relieve diarrhea. Meadow sweet or pennyroyal can ease a headache. Catnip tea is good for the heart. Angelica, catnip, chamomile, garlic and vervain are good for indigestion. Lemon balm, wild parsley, and yarrow will ease the nerves.

When you are ready to prepare one of these remedies, gather the correct part of the plant, usually the leaves or flowers, and place them in a teapot or similar container and pour boiling water on

them. Let it stand for 10-20 minutes depending on the plant, and then it will be ready for drinking. Strain the liquid so as to drink only the juices, not the plant parts.

To prepare chamomile tea, use the flowers - 1/2 oz. to 1 pint of boiling water. For horehound, use the leaves, stem, or root. Use one pint boiling water to one oz. of horehound. This is a very good general tonic.

With pennyroyal, use the stems, leaves, flowers, or root and use 1 oz. of pennyroyal to one pint of water. It is not recommended to be taken if pregnant.

For borage, use the stems and leaves - 1/2 pint of water over 1 oz. of borage. Yarrow leaves and stems are to be used - 1 oz. of yarrow to one pint of water.

As you can see, many of these teas or tonics are made generally the same. Do not use a recipe when you brew these as a drink that is too strong won't work any better and probably will taste terrible.

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Springtime
By Gina Lynch
Agawam Middle School

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With everything bright and shiny.
The flowers are blooming
And honeybees are zooming
And gardens are starting to grow.

The weather is fine
'Cause it's mostly sunshine,
It doesn't rain very much.
But whatever the weather
For worst or for better,
I'm real glad that springtime is back.

And everyone knows
When springtime is nice
Ball teams go out to the fields.
Now my poem's end has come
Which gives us the sum,
That springtime's a great time of year.

Danahy Student Wins Contest



For the second year in a row, Tanya Mercadante, a fourth grade student at Danahy School, has won statewide recognition in the poetry contest sponsored by the Environmental Protection Agency.

The poem she entered, entitled *The Eagle*, expresses the wild fear of an endangered

species.

Tanya and her family will travel to Boston on May 29, where she will be presented a top-honor award plaque by Senator Edward Kennedy. Of 7,000 entries, 100 from the State of Massachusetts will be presented this award.

Printed below is Tanya's winning entry.

The Eagle
By Tanya Mercadante

The eagle is like king of the mountain.
His cry is like sorrow and love blowing away in the wind.
He feels sad and lonely because no one cares for him.
He feels very sad - broken in two.
He thinks his life is over.

When he gets mad he sounds like love shooting from the sky.
If he picks you up, he brings you to heaven where people care for you.

If I were on the verge of extinction
I would feel like sorrow dropping from my eyes,
With death coming on.

1 If By Land! 2 If By Sea! 134 If By Bus???

by Rita White

If Paul Revere were to have ridden through the streets of Boston on Wednesday, May 2nd, 9th, or the 16th to warn the citizens, his cry would have been "here come the students! Here come the students!"

On those days, the 8th grade from Agawam Jr. High (in shifts) were taking a field trip to historic Boston.

The trip actually started in the students' minds in the classroom. The 8th grade English class began reading the book "Johnny Tremain" in March. They were shown slides in class getting them acquainted with the historic sites of Boston.

The number of 8th graders necessitated making the trip in 3 shifts. I happened to go along on the May 9th trip. I say happened to go along because I am one of those blessed parents whose children take it upon themselves to volunteer me for all the "fun" things; then come home and tell me how lucky I am.

The day began at 5:30 a.m. by prying myself and son out of bed. The four buses were due to leave the school at 6:30 a.m.

6:30 finds 134 kids shuffling anxiously to get on the buses: a line of cars with bleary eyed parents slumped over the wheels going back home for coffee and approximately 20 chaperons all looking at each other as if to say, "My God, there are other crazies in this world besides me."

There are two inventories taken at this point. First an inventory to make sure that each chaperone has the students assigned to him/her. Then that kind of inventory between students and chaperons as they try to size each other up. Each chaperone is assigned seven or eight students. There are of course teachers and advisors on the trip.

The bus trip into Boston is uneventful. During the 10 years that the junior high has been making the trip, about the only problem has been an occasional bus-sick person. Fortunately we were spared that.

Our first stop was the Old North Church where Agawam is one of the few touring schools actually allowed to go in and sit down in the pews. One of the ministers of the church, where services are still held every Sunday, welcomed us and gave a little talk on the church's history. And of course we were able to see the two famous lanterns in the museum next door.

From there it was on to the old South Meeting House for another welcome and some more historical facts. Perhaps the most interesting being the use it was put to during the British occupation. The pews were pulled out and the building used to train the British horses. The meeting house has been completely restored to its original design today. While church services are not longer held here, the

building is still used for meetings, concerts, etc.

Next stop was the cemetery where Paul Revere is buried. While all of us are familiar with his midnight ride, he is joined in that graveyard by another famous personality; probably one more famous to children, Mother Goose. (A real lady by the way who told children's stories.)

It was on to Faneuil Hall next. Again, a speech giving the historic background of the impressive structure and then it was lunch time in Quincy Market Place.

It was here that we had our only minor mishap of the trip. It has always amazed me that we all seem to have four types of hearing, depending on what is being said. We can either hear what is said perfectly, word for word; or we have selective hearing and only hear the parts we want to hear; or we don't hear any of what was said; or we hear something said and make it what we want it to be. Out of 134 students who were told that they had one hour to eat lunch and that we were all to meet at the entrance to Faneuil Hall at exactly 12:30, 133 students heard 12:30 and 1 student heard 1:00. So it meant everyone waiting for that one person to be located. Other than that, the trip went very smoothly.

Our next venture took us to the U.S.S. Constitution where we were able to climb about rather freely and try to imagine how people were able to function in the cramped quarters we saw.

Next we found ourselves at the Science Museum. That is truly a wonderland. We had been scheduled to see a show in the planetarium there, but it had been cancelled and I almost think the kids enjoyed

being able to roam the Museum for the extra hour instead.

All trips must come to an end and ours started home after the Science Museum. The buses made one more stop at McDonald's for supper. Two busses went to one and the other two buses another McDonald's. I wondered what went through the waitresses heads when they saw the buses unloading.

Some chaperones mistakingly thought that surely after such a full day, and with full stomachs that the trip the rest of the way home would be quiet. No such luck. As the chaperones ran out of steam,

the students gained more I think.

We got back home at about 7:10 p.m. just in time for two "never say die" baseball players to make the last couple of innings of their ballgame that evening.

When I finally stepped off the bus, I felt as though I had climbed as many stairs as Robert Newton did. He was the gentleman who climbed the 154 stairs (the equivalent of 14 stories) to light the two lanterns in the Old North Church. Certainly not a trip to go down in the history pages, but an enjoyable one. Who knows, I may let my kids volunteer me again for some "fun" things.



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Members of Mushy's 8-10 baseball team are pictured above: front row, left to right: Kevin Paine, Bobby McMullin, Bobby Mezzetti, Eric Merriman, Michael Wojcik, and Jason Guevin. Second Row; Kenny Messenger, Eddie Pinney, Jeff Guevin, Tony Cichetti, and Jeff Govoni. Third row: assistant coach Jim Flemming and coach Lou Guevin. Absent were Shaun Bonivita, Richard LaVallette, and assistant coach Mike Flemming. photo by Jack Devine

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The Western Mass. Division, American Heart Association, in conjunction with the Western Mass. Pharmaceutical Association, will sponsor "Cyclethon '79" on Sunday, June 3rd.

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bringing in the most money from sponsors' pledges. All bicyclists will receive an official Cyclethon '79 patch. The rain date will be the following Sunday, June 10th.

Details and sponsor forms will be available at participating pharmacies in Springfield and Chicopee. For further information, contact the Heart Office at 732-4121; Peter Porowski at 739-5368; or Dave Case at 592-5740.

Sportsmen's Corner

by Bill Chiba



Fishing in the lakes throughout the Berkshires is picking up. The Division has stocked rainbows and browns in practically every body of water. The wife and I have fished Laurel Lake in Lee and took small browns. We witnessed fishermen catching lunker rainbows from the shore at Littleville. The wind had come up quite strong, and we changed our minds about putting out on the water and hit Otis Resy. Caught a few good sized browns, but no rainbows the size that were coming out of Littleville.

This past week we went back to Otis on Tuesday and caught browns and lare rainbows. I think half of the Agawam Fire Dept. was busy catching rainbows. Upon questioning the boats that passed, we learned that the body of water had been stocked in the morning.

Wednesday, I picked up Doc Blanchard of West Springfield and Steve Lendway of Springfield. We decided to hit Goose. The day was beautiful, but cold. We caught nice browns and a couple of small rainbows.

The following Wednesday, the same crew plus Dr. Romani who showed up later and took Dr. Blanchard from our boat hit Otis. We had a ball with large rainbows. We kept a few trout and released many for another day of fishing.

I have to give the Division credit for doing a good job of raising nice-sized trout. The question going around the circle of fishermen is do you want small fish and a lot of them or larger fish but fewer. My fishing companions favor the latter. I go along with them. It is a thrill to catch a large fish on a fly rod, especially if it's a rainbow that has been in the lake a week or better. Boy! Do they jump and fight before coming into the net.

Vermont Active
Early May fishing

conditions are excellent in Vermont. Water temperature is just right and should remain that way well into the month. Water levels are normal to lower than normal for this time of year, but heavy rains can change that quickly.

Fred Witek, of Witek Sport Shop of Westfield, and his fishing companions are heading to Orleans for some steelhead fishing. The rainbows are leaping over the falls there. Pete Grady of West Springfield is leaving for Crystal Lake and proposes to fish Echo, Shadow, and Salem Lakes while there. This is an annual trip for Pete and his cohorts.

Marge Shoppey of Feeding Hills maintains that fish are more plentiful than gasoline in the St. Johnsbury area. She had quite a problem till she proved that her father lived in town. Then gas was made available to her. Something to think about if you plan to head North.

Walleyes have pretty well moved out of the Missisquoi River. Some are still being caught in the Lamoille River. The Clyde River run in Newport is about over. Best odds for taking walleyes during the next week or two will be the Winooski River and Otter Creek.

Many landlocked salmon are being caught at Lake Memphremagog in Newport, the lower Lamoille River, Mallett's Bay of Champlain and most deep north country lakes, which are producing some nice ones too. Several three to four pounders have been reported and a few six-to-eight ones.

Vermont fishing license is \$12.25, and the combination is \$45.75 for non-residents.

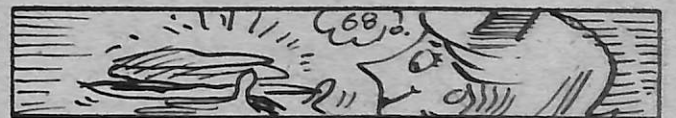
Agawam Track Banquet

The Agawam High School Track Parents Association will sponsor its annual track banquet on Thursday, May 24 at the Agawam Junior High School, Springfield Street, Feeding Hills.

This year, a buffet dinner will be featured and the tickets are \$4.50 each. The general

public is invited to attend. Dinner will be served promptly at 6:30 p.m., followed by awards and slides of each team member.

Ticket deadline is May 17th. Reservations can be obtained with Mrs. Joyce Hauff, 14 Bessbrook Street, Feeding Hills.



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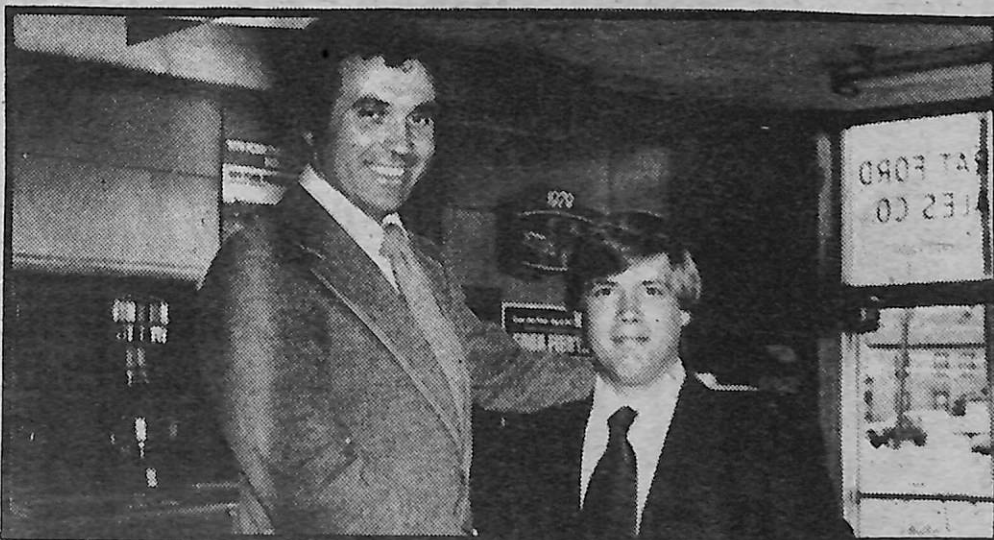
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Busy Week For Little League

Senior Division

Thursday, May 3rd, had the Orioles opposing the Mets, and even though the Mets were able to score 11 runs, the Orioles managed to top this with 16 runs. Dan DeCosmos, second baseman, and pitcher Keith Wychoff both had doubles for the night.

The Pirates topped the Red Sox Friday night 4-1. Mike St. Germain, showing some fancy catching at SS, drove in the nly Red Sox run. Left field was covered nicely by Russell Vigue. No walks were given by Mike Quill in his first trip of the season to the mound. The Red Sox coach was most optimistic. Even though his team had some mental lapses in the field, he said they will be good contenders when their bats start connecting.

Joe Warren, catcher, and Eugene McLean, RF, were two of the hitters on the Pirates. Paul Tetreau has 2 RBI's in the game.

Monday evening brought another defeat to the Red Sox when they played the Orioles; however, they did not stop batting until the last out. An exciting last inning almost pulled it out for them. There were four runs scored in the 7th inning, and the final score ended up 8-6.

Third baseman Pat Sheehan of the Orioles had a perfect night at the plate with 2 singles and 2 walks. Frank Armstrong, pitcher, went 7 innings, had 8 strike outs, and is credited for scoring 3 runs on a double.

The Pirates defeated the Mets Tuesday night 9-0. Even though the Mets were not able to touch home plate, their enthusiasm and effort throughout the entire game was great.

Billy Groom was among the hitters on the Pirate team. Pitchers Mark Goodwin and Ronnie Morgan combined for a no-hitter. Paul and John Franco, identical twins playing for the Pirates, showed their talents by hitting bunts back-to-back - identical. What is it that they say about lightning?

Our ever faithful home plate umpire Bob Boyer called the game because of darkness in the 7th inning. Perhaps this was a wise move because earlier in the light of the game he stopped two pitches at home plate. He carried on, thankfully, with no serious injury.

Major Division

The Red Sox and Orioles had a slow movin game Thursday, May 3. S. Byrnes of the Orioles did some fine catching, and C. White had a super night with 3 hits. Teammate Chris Albano had 2 RBI's.

Although Bob Wing and Scott Cofer of the Red Sox had hits for the game, they were not enough to stop the Orioles' win of 8-2. Mark Breault gave his best fielding effort at first base.

Friday's game between the

Dodgers and the Yankees was close until the third inning. After that, the Dodgers' bats broke loose, giving them an 11-2 win. Pitchers Pemberton and Champagne combined for a 1-hitter. Stopping soem of the Yankees' hopes for scoring was a great double play by Jeff Hill and Peter Sibilia.

Hitters on the Yankees were Dan Faucette and Ted malachowski. Mark Petrucci tried to hold the Dodgers with good fielding.

The Orioles went down to defeat on Saturday, May 5th, when they played the Indians. Final score was 12-7. B. Cocchi pitched 3 good innings for the Orioles, while outfielders T. Sheehan and P. Sutton were among the hitters.

Indians' SS Goodrich knocked in 4 runs. Pitchers Borrello and Miller shared the mound.

Extra innings were necessary on Monday, May 7th, in the game between the Dodgers and the Red Sox. Although the Red Sox came out ahead 7-6, both teams gave a good showing. The game could have gone either way.

Tony Orfice, Dodger LF, played a good defense game. Everyone, says the coach of the Dodgers, played heads up ball.

Barry McKay of the RED Sox had 3 RBI's for 2 hits, and Todd Swenor added excitement by coming home with a tying run.

Tuesday night was another close and exciting game. The Yankees' coach said his team's improved hitting and excellent fielding were the reasons for the 9-8 victory over the Orioles. Baseman Lepper had a good night for hitting and fielding.

Although the Orioles lost, Mike Shayda had a great evening with his home run ball going over the fence. Mike's dad couldn't wait to call Grandpa, who lives out of state, with the good news.

Minor Division

With the cold weather on Saturday, it looked as if the parents were going to a football game and not a baseball one. The winter jackets were dragged out and hot coffee was the order of the day.

The Dodgers swamped the Mets 11-2. The Indians had a close win over the Red Sox 16-14, and the Orioles barely won over the Yankees 15-14.

Women's Softball League

Last week's action in the Agawam Women's Softball League saw the Buccaneer just sneak by Springfield Turnverin 7-6 in a see-saw battle for first place in the 'A' division.

The Turners came right back from their defeat to trounce Ciro's 24-7, upping their record to 3-1.

Also boasting a 3-1 record is the Polish Club with victories over Village Lounge and the Elbow last week.

Ciro's, Italian Sporting Club, and Village Lounge all have one win against three losses, while the elbow is eagerly looking forward to its first victory.

In the 'B' division, Southworth Paper Co. is having an excellent season. They have not suffered a loss while winning five straight games.

Already equalling their last year's total number of wins, the Bad News Bears are in second place with a record of 2-1.

Wimpy's, Jessica's, and Purple Onion are all at the .500 mark with records of 2-2. Snap-on Tools earned their first win in a long, hard-fought game over Kelly's.

STANDINGS A DIVISION

Buccaneer 4-0
Spfld. Turnverin 3-1
Polish Club 3-1
Ciro's 1-3
Italian Sporting 1-3
Village Lounge 1-3
Elbow 0-3

B DIVISION

Southworth Paper 5-0
Bad News Bears 2-1
Wimpy's 2-2
Jessica's 2-2
Purple Onion 2-2
Snap-on Tools 1-3
Kelly's Pub 0-4

Tennis Lessons Offered

The Agawam Parks and Recreation Department is accepting registrations for adult tennis lessons beginning on Monday, May 21, in the Parks and Recreation office between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Classes will be for beginners and intermediates and will be held at the Shea's field courts each Monday and Wednesday evening starting June 4 and ending July 9. A second session will be held each Tuesday and Thursday evening beginning June 5 and

AMA Race At Southwick

Southwick: The fourth annual AMA (American Motorcyclist Association) race will take place at Motocross 338 in Southwick on Sunday, with the first event scheduled to get off the starting gate at 1:00 p.m.

Top riders in the country will be on hand in both the 250 cc Class and the 500 cc Class competing for cash prizes in excess of \$20,000. Bob, "Hurricane" Hannah, the number one rider in the country (250 cc Class) will be trying to make it two straight at the Southwick facility. The number 2 rider, Jimmy Ellis of Cobolt, Conn. will be a spectator as he is recovering from knee surgery.

New England fans will be watching Mike Guerra, Bolton, Conn., presently holding 5th place in the 250cc in the AMA Standings. Another New England ranked contender is Mike Robillard, of Methuen, Mass., 15th in the 250cc standings. Most of the riders hail from the Southwest and from California.

Dan Molta, Publicity Director for Motocross 338 said that he expects 20,000 fans to attend this year's National (the only AMA sanctioned Motocross race in New England). This would be an increase over the 18,000 who attended last year's event.

Races are held, rain or shine, behind the American Legion Post 338 Home, off Powder Mill Road. Warm-ups and practice will start at 9:00 a.m. Admission is \$8.00 for adults; children under 12 are admitted free.

Soccer Tryouts Announced

The Agawam Soccer Association will be holding tryouts for the Pioneer Valley League at the high school on the rear field off Line Street on May 19th at 1:30 p.m.

This will be the last chance to sign up for the Pioneer Valley League. Rain date will be May 26th. All coaches interested in coaching for the Pioneer Valley are asked to attend tryouts.

Teams will be based upon the number of participants in each age group. All participants who do not make Pioneer Valley are still eligible to play on the Inner-City League.

There will be another sign-up for the Inner-City League in June. Further details will be announced.

Since this is a new venture for the Agawam Soccer Association's entrance into the Pioneer Valley League, close attention will be paid to the results and success of this first year.

An important coaches meeting for both Pioneer Valley and Inter-City will be held on Sunday, May 27th, at the Agawam Youth Center at 7 p.m. All interested in coaching are urged to attend.

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Agawam Athletic Association Action

Catholic Women Dump Polish Club

Tuesday night's action saw the Catholic Women's Club of Agawam girls' 10-11 softball team drop the Polish Club's girls' in a one-sided game. Coach Tony Lucia and his assistant, Jean Glen, maneuvered their troops strategically and held the Polish to a few runs. Outstanding performances by Sandy Lynch, Maria Lucia, Andrea Tebaldi, and Heather Dubian got Catholic off to a good start for the season.

O'Brien's Zap Saints

Coach Bill O'Brien's 13-14 soccer team had a field day tonight at the Middle School when they outdistanced Chicopee's St. Anne's team. Ricky Costa on an assist from Davey Jones split one past the goalie and gave Agawam a 1-0 edge. As the period moved along, Billy O'Brien's corner kick was headed in by Davey Jenks and the triple A's commanded a comfortable lead. Again, Davey Jenks was involved in the fray as he made an assist which gave Dave Duclos an opportunity to send one hurtling past the uprights. Two more goals, one by Tommy Hannon and Dave Duclos, sent Chicopee to the showers with a 5-0 loss. Good defense action by Jimmy Dowd, Mike Petrone, and Dave Stratton.

ELSA Drops Agawam

East Longmeadow Soccer Association's 15-16 boys' squad dropped Agawam in a 4-2 scuffle Thursday night. ELSA took charge of the game in the first 10 minutes by scoring three goals. Agawam got their act together after that and turned in a first-rate performance. Unfortunately they could not close the gap completely; however, Todd Griffen in the second managed to beat out his man and cued one in from the right side. Jeff Duclos continued the momentum when he drove one again from the right corner and kissed it off the goalie's hands and head to

give agawam a final catch-up effort and a 4-2 loss.

Art Chase, Tim Guinari, Tony Santaniello, Mike Cormier, John Duncan, Jay Liamis, and D.J. Chevalier turned in good performances.

Mr. O'Brien & Co.

Soccer was at its finest Saturday morning as Bill O'Brien and his assistant, Dave Stratton, took the 13-14

year olds to Chicopee where both teams put on an excellent display of how the game should be played. Contrary to the final score of 2-0 in Agawam's favor, Chicopee conducted themselves in a most noble fashion but were not able to capitalize on a few bad breaks, nor were they able to get by the 3A's goalie, Billy Malachowski.

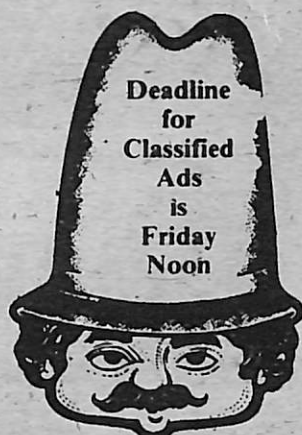
Tom Hannon, Tony Caputo, Davey Jenks, Billy O'Brien, and Jamie Dowd,

seemed to be everywhere. Halftime action ended with a 0-0 tie.

Heart-stopping, see-saw play continued in the final period, when suddenly a cross shot from the right side by Davey Jenks sashayed the sphere past the metals and gave Agawam a 1-0 lead. Billy O'Brien's long pass from the left side to Ricky Costa, gave him the chance to dead-eye it and left Agawam with a 6 win-1 loss record thus far for this season.



Members of the first grade classes at Peirce School performed a play entitled "The Alphabet Man" written by first grade teacher Sylvia Sullivan and directed by Bonnie Moccio, another first grade teacher. photo by gal



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asked VanNess the practicality of the project some 15 years later, the federal official responded, "that corridor has been looked at and re-examined for a very long time now and its the firm contention of my office that the town of Agawam needs the extension."

From 1974-1976

Said Barnes, who served from as a member of the Joint Transportation Committee from 1974-76, a sub-committee of the PVTA. "I really don't understand how this body or the JCT can vote against the project without having much information

about it. The JCT, under Timothy Brennan, a senior planner at the LPVPC, have previously recommended that the project be nixed.

Barnes further said the highway ends in a residential section of Agawam and that the safety of children is at stake. "Maybe this body should come down and take a look for themselves, especially when the kids get out of school," he related.

Angry Reaction

Following the balloting, a number of angry residents called the board's action a sham and a railroad of Agawam's interest. Caputo and Barnes just walked out shaking their heads.

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Our Feathered Friends

by Mary Os

Thanks to my year old son, I had the opportunity this week to view the bird life in my garden at dawn. The noise alone was impressive with all the early morning chattering uninterrupted by human sounds.

My summer blue jays are back in force, and it seems as though there are more this year than last. They frequent the platform feeder in the rear of the house, and at one count there were six. Since the warm weather I have moved the feeder farther back to allow the birds to feed undisturbed, and they are consuming a prodigious amount of sunflower seed. I have been setting out broken eggshells after breakfast, and these have been quickly carted away by the jays. The need for calcium is high at this time of year, and the shells are a good way for the birds to get it.

One jay found a supply of building material near the brook that runs by the house and makes many trips per day gathering material and flying off with it. The nest is some distance from here and high in an oak tree so there will be little chance for me to observe the young.

Jays are not the only visitors to the feeder. Many red-winged blackbirds have taken up residence nearby. Their peculiar call is interesting, and they are a brave bunch fleeing only

when danger is definitely eminent.

Sneaking in an occasional snack have been titmice and chickadees. They usually give way to the larger birds, however, since their natural food is abundant now.

One reader reported a strange bird in her backyard. By description, it must have been a flicker, which are not uncommon, but was the first she had seen and she was very excited.

I have ordered and received from the National Wildlife Federation a hummingbird feeder. It has a hook attached and is now hanging from a tree branch near the house. The sugar to water ratio is one to six, but I will be decreasing that as soon as there is any activity. People putting out hummingbird feeders should remember that the water to sugar ratio should be 4 to 1 ideally once a clientele has been attracted.

Birders are urged to provide a source of fresh water for the avian population if a natural one is lacking near you.

A special thanks to Amy Friedman for her note last week. This young lady has started her bird-watching career at the tender age of eight and her interest is refreshing. I hope a number of other young people will become interested in this engrossing hobby.

Home Sales Prices Increase

The average sales price of a home in the Greater Springfield area has increased 13% in the first quarter of 1979 compared with the same period one year ago.

The average figure for the local single-family home sale has jumped to \$40,760 from \$36,094 in 1978, according to Chester Nicora, chairman of the Greater Springfield Board of Realtors' Multiple Listing Service.

Nicora said that the upward trend is indicative of a nationwide increase in home sales prices which "is not likely to level off or decrease in the near future due to a number of inflationary factors."

Members of M.L.S., he announced, sold a total of 394 single-family units at a total of \$16,059,060 during the January to March period. These figures are in comparison with 421 units sold at \$15,195,620 during the same quarter last year.

The average price of a home

sold in Agawam was \$38,734; East Longmeadow, \$42,044; Hampden, \$46,906; Longmeadow, \$65,026; Ludlow, \$43,215; Springfield, \$26,644; West Springfield, \$44,531; and Wilbraham, \$58,825.

Fifty-five multi-family dale during the first quarter totaled \$1,484,625. Land sales totaled 19 parcels at \$291,550. There were two miscellaneous sales totaling \$88,000.

Nicora noted that despite the concern over higher mortgage rates, the demand for single-family housing in the Springfield area remains strong and is expected to stay that way. "Spiraling inflation costs have caused many people to examine the benefits of homeownership now before higher prices force them out of the market completely," he said.

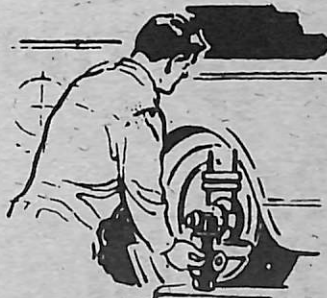
Young, first-time buyers, along with working women and unmarrieds, are prominent in the Western Massachusetts homebuyers' market, he said.

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